

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraph beginning on page 1, line 13 (amended)

Such a threading device for tubular packagings is known from DE 33 05 362 C2. As described therein, the piston rod of a lifting device which can be swung from a swiveled-out idle position to a working position which is coaxial with the filling tube has a gripping hook on its free end, and can be extended toward the filling tube through the closing device and the casing brake. The ~~frontend~~ front end of the casing feed ("pleated casing") which is pushed accordion-style onto the filling tube can then be hung in the hook of the pull-through rod, fastened there, and pulled through